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For: **A TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING
APPARATUS AND A
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METHOD**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification

At page 1, lines 1-2, replace "A TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING APPARATUS AND A TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING METHOD", with --REMOTE CONTROL OF ELECTRICAL DEVICES USING ENCRYPTED MESSAGES OVER COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATION LINKS--;

At Page 2, line 15, after "requires", replace "to assign" with --assigning--;

At Page 4, line 7, after "from", replace "received the" with --the received--;

At Page 4, line 16, replace "send" with --sender--;